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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 25, 1847.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

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**AN ACT**

Concerning the licensing of yachts, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to cause  
4   yachts used and employed exclusively as pleasure vessels, and  
5   designed as models of naval architecture, and now entitled to be  
6   enrolled as American vessels, to be licensed on terms which will  
7   authorize them to proceed from port to port in the United  
8   States without entering or clearing at the custom-house : such  
9   license shall be in such form as the Secretary of the Treasury  
10   may prescribe : *Provided, Such vessels so enrolled and licensed*  
11   shall not be allowed to transport merchandise, nor to carry pas-  
12   sengers for pay : *And provided, further, That the owner of any*  
13   such vessel, before taking out such license, shall give a bond, in  
14   such form and for such amount as the Secretary of the Treas-  
15   ury shall prescribe, conditioned that the said vessel shall not en-  
16   gage in any unlawful trade, nor in any way violate the revenue  
17   laws of the United States, and shall comply with the laws in all  
18   other respects.

1        SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all such vessels  
2 shall in all respects, except as above, be subject to the laws of  
3 United States, and shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture for  
4 any violation of the provisions of this act.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all such licensed  
2 yachts shall use a signal of the form, size, and colors prescribed  
3 by the Secretary of the Navy ; and the owners thereof shall at all  
4 times permit the naval architects in the employ of the United  
5 States to examine and copy the models of said yachts.

Passed the House of Representatives February 24, 1847.

Attest :

B. B. FRENCH, *Clerk*.